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Docket Management System
400 7th Street, SW, Room PL-400
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Re: Exemption Number 7861A

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) 11.25, Continental Airlines petitions the Administrator for an extension of Exemption No. 7861A. This request does not seek a change to the current exemption, which will expire on July 31, 2004.

Exemption Number 7861A provides approval for an alternate method of compliance with FAR 121.440(a) and SFAR 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A) in the form of a alternate line check program. This exemption has been used for two years with no known compromise to safety.

In accordance with the provision of FAR 11.27(j)(3)(i), Exception to Publication of Summary of Petition for Exemption, Continental Airlines request that a finding of good cause be made for waiving publication in the Federal Register. A summary of the original petition was published in the Federal Register and no precedents will be set by granting the requested relief. Continental Airlines therefore, requests that the publication and comment period be waived.

As required by FAR 11.25(d), a summary of this petition is attached.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call. The office phone number is (281)-552-8230.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Summary

Continental Airlines petitions for an extension of Exemption 7861A that permits an alternative line check program to that required by FAR Section 121.440(a) and SFAR 58, paragraph 6(b)(3)(ii)(A). The alternative line check program provides a level of safety equivalent to or greater than current line check methods and focus additional effort on monitoring overall crew performance.